

REMARKS

The applicants have carefully considered the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated January 8, 2008. By way of this Response, the marked-up listing of the claims for claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 17, 20, and 21 have been modified to include brackets for deletions of fewer than five characters for ease of reading. In addition, a clean copy of the claims, as amended, has been included.

In light of the forgoing amendments and the remarks submitted in the Response to the Office action filed on October 11, 2007, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number identified below.

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